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It Worked Well, So Let's Do It Again!

The first "genealogy conversations" session was well received at the April meeting, so we'll repeat it at the May 10 meeting.

Participants can come at 6 p.m. to share and discuss problems and research and all things genealogy. This is an opportunity to "hob-nob," not with the rich and famous, but with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. Long-time member Roger Hogle will be back to bring us up to date on some of his research and activities.

Theresa Liewer, from the Iowa Genealogical Society, will be giving a presentation on "Using Military Records for Genealogy." Those who have heard Theresa speak know she is an incredible source of information. Come for an evening of learning and fun at our last meeting until September!

Two SCGS Members have shared their stories. Come and tell us Yours. Luanne Endreland used the following translation web site for the phrase below. <http://translate.reference.com/translate>

Trunk possibly from family farm in Norway -Closeup of photo above.

Soga Om Vats, Gard og ætt i gamle Vats herad....

Photo from Luanne Endreland

A Norwegian Trunk came with great-grandparents in 1889. But what is its Real Age? Photo from Luanne Endreland.via email.

Luanne Endreland shares this information about this trunk...

This is a picture of a Norwegian trunk that came with my husband, John's great-grandparents from Norway in aboutt 1889. Since the date on the trunk was 1820, I knew that it had not belonged to them originally**.** His parents have had it for many years and John will soon become the new caretaker of it. I don't think I ever knew they had it.

Well, I was curious as to whom it had belonged. I decided to look in the Norwegian **bygdebok** that the family farm was listed in, *Soga Om Vats, Gard og ætt i gamle Vats herad* (which using the translator means - Soga About Vats, farm and family in the old Vats heard). I found the name, Mellene Tjerandsdt Stillufseike, as the second wife of Tørres Nilsen who was John's great-grandfather's grandfather. I don't have the information from the farm she came from but I have requested it through an

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Google, Genealogy, Great-grandparents, and Goodies

by Mary Lohr

As persons researching our family history, we've learned to make the most of all tools available, using a mix of Internet-based as well as traditional sources, including court house records, library records, and newspapers. The key words might be "efficient and effective," for which of us has unlimited time and money to pursue leads aimlessly?

In order to find what might be useful on the Internet, the Story County Genealogical Society, will co-sponsor a session at the Ames Public Library on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Ross Petra, Information Services Librarian, will give a presentation on searching Google effectively. Although applicable to searching a broad range of topics, the emphasis will be on using Google for genealogy searching. There will be an opportunity to do some hands on Google searching. Come and learn some ways to track down the

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an inter-library loan at the Ames Public Library and I'm just trying to be patiently waiting for it.

I'm thinking that the other name on the trunk was from her first marriage as she and Tørres were married in 1826. I'll just have to wait and see if there is more information on her and who she might have married. It's so interesting! I'll let you know if the mystery is ever solved.#

Closeup of Tablecloth from Carole Seifert's family. SEE STORY "STITCHES IN TIME" ON PAGE 4 Photo by Mary Lohr.

APRIL 2010 Meeting Minutes

The April 2010 Meeting, held April 12, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames Public Library. There were 25 members and 4 guests present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved. No treasurers report was given.

Reports: Lucille Wahrenbrock gave the library report and there was a $500 order to complete the Great Migration order. She also had several of the new books available for people examine. Katie Pattee gave a report about the Library Inventory project which was completed in April.

Correspondence: There was an announcement about the Library Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on Monday the 19th from 11:30 to 1:00. There was an announcement about the Open House on Friday the 16th from 1:00 to 7:00 at IGS in Des Moines. There was an announcement about a German (Ostfriesen) Genealogical Seminar & Workshop in Wellsburg on June 12 with speaker Lin Strong. Merrill Price from Marshalltown had sent a letter about the Illinois death records.

Carole Seifert showed us a special table cloth she had brought that had signatures of her relatives that had been embroidered. ***See Story on Page 4.*** Luanne Endreland talked about the meeting at Story City with the Sons of Norway.

Old Business: Gwenna Jacobson gave an update about the Cemetery Obituary project which is still ongoing. Marti Rasmussen talked about the special meeting, *Is the Face of America Yours?* at 2:00 on the 24th April in the Ames Public Library --a discussion about the two recent genealogical series on TV: **Who do you think you are?** on NBC and **Faces of America** on PBS. *Report on Page 3* June 7th there will be another Special Meeting at the Ames Public Library called Google for Genealogists.. *Story this page*. Marti also introduced Laurent Hodges who is teaching a class for OLLI at ISU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.
An informal session, called Genealogy Conversations, was held before this meeting and again in May at 6 pm. ***See Story on Page 1.***

Susan Jellinger was our speaker from the Iowa's Historical Society Library in Des Moines, about "Connecting Generations." She talked about how to do research and resources available at the Historical Library in Des Moines..#

Genealogy TV Programs Discussion Held April 24 at Ames Public Library

The Story County Genealogical Society and Ames Public Library cosponsored a program at 2 pm Saturday April 24 which discussed two new family history TV programs: PBS's "Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." and, NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" Both programs have episodes posted for download on their websites so you can see ones you missed.

The two programs were described as interesting and a way to explore family history research techniques such as using census and city directories to identify an ancestor.. ***Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates Jr***. was on during February on PBS. was notable for the historical context in which Prof. Gates, a Harvard historian, brought to the interviews and findings for each celebrity.

"Who Do You Think Your Are?" has been broadcast during March and April on Fridays at 7 pm on NBC (Channel 13) in this area. The forum discussed more in depth the April 23rd program featuring Susan Sarandan with many there agreeing it was the best program so far. One more program in this series was broadcast on Friday, Apr. 30 and featured the family history research for Spike Lee, the film director.

NBC has renewed the Who Do You Think You Are program for a 2nd series, so we amateur genealogists will have even more to talk about next year. #

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"Stitches in Time"

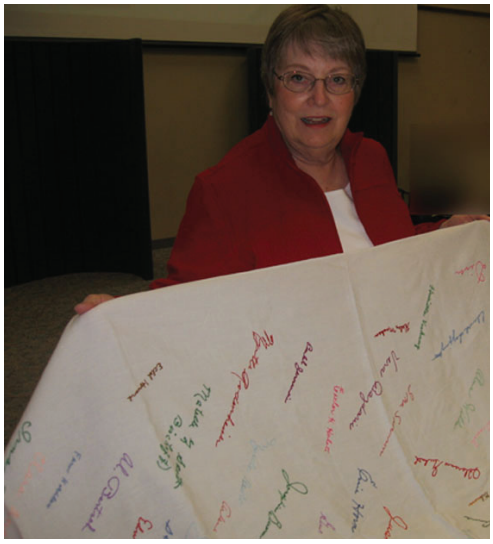
by Mary Lohr

If these signatures could talk, they would have many stories to tell! This tablecloth represents over twenty years of family history of SCGS member, Carole Seifert. As relatives and friends came to visit her aunt and uncle, they were invited to sign the cloth. Then Carole's aunt would embroider the signature, creating a timeless keepsake. There are a total of 201 signatures on the fabric.

Here is Carole's description of the tablecloth:
"The history of the cloth was that it was started in the 1940's. My aunt-by-marriage, Io (Reeves) Brock was the woman who did the embroidery. Io was my mother's sister-in-law, the wife of my mother's older brother, Arthur Albert Brock. The cloth was signed through the years until about 1960 when Io deemed it to be full.

My grandparent's signatures (Dr. Arthur Nye Brock and Mary Brock) are on the long sides of the center of the cloth, and Art and Io's are on the ends of the oblong in the middle. My grandfather was a country medical doctor who graduated from St Louis University. He had allergies, and Mary had to hitch and unhitch the team after he came back from a call.

There is an oblong left blank in the very middle for Io's rose bowl (or some other centerpiece of the season).



Art (my uncle) and Io were a childless couple, but very social. They were in the Masonic order and Eastern Star in Fenton, Mo. They had business friends. Art worked as a VP of Gravois Bank in Sappington Mo. (Vera Sappington's signature is on the cloth.) They had friends from card clubs, garden clubs, neighborhood associations, etc. They entertained almost every weekend. Then, of course, there were their relatives. Io had a big family too, and all of them signed."

I'm the matriarch of the family, and all the rest are gone. We were once over 20 people around the tables, but I am an only child and an only grandchild. Now my children are after me to get this all down, so they know who is who. I discovered the cloth in my dresser drawer when I was looking for genealogical documents I may have hidden from myself."

What a wonderful legacy this tablecloth has become!

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Mary Ausborn, 2009 President and our 2010 Vice President . Give her your ideas for programs.

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7 PM OCTOBER 11 MEETING - AT AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135, 515 CLARK AVE., AMES

Dr. Wendy Harrod will speak on "Researching at the National Archives"

Dr. Wendy Harrod has spent several months in the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, MD and will share her experiences. Also held at Ames City Hall, 515 Clark, Ames, IA. Dr. Harrod is Associate Professor of Sociology at Iowa State University. Her major research interests include group dynamics, social psychology and social prolems.

Bring your questions about using the National Archives for your family history research.

Blogging ... For All the World To See (Or Not)

by Mary Lohr

When Lynn Avant spoke to SCGS about writing our family history, she encouraged us just to start writing and not worry until the timing to do so was "perfect." After pondering her advice for awhile, I thought it was probably time to act on it. However, I have placed a copy of my genealogy research on Rootsweb and already supplied printed and bound pedigree charts to all my siblings (and almost any relative who expressed an interest!) With my ancestors widely distributed, so to speak, it was time to start recording "something" ... and have some fun doing it.

Various genealogy magazine articles have extolled the benefits of having a "blog" on the web.

So I finally took the leap and decided to record some of my research adventures, thoughts and experiences. A blog is really an online journal and has the option of being private, shared with only invited friends, or open to anyone. The two major sites for hosting a blog are Blogger (offered by Google) and Wordpress. Each site is free and no web design experience is required. The included editor functions like a basic word processing program. There are many options for what to include, templates, design, a choice of allowing posted comments or not. In short, a blog can be about anything you want it to be.

The following books, available at the Ames Public Library, are a good resource:

Blogging For Dummies by Susannah Gardner; *Create Your Own Photo Blog* by Catherine Jamieson; *The IT Girl's Guide to Blogging with Moxie*, by Joelle Reeder and Katherine Scoleri; *Wordpress for Dummies* by Lisa Sabin-Wilson.

You (and all the world) can read my blog at **<maryjlohr.wordpress.com>** Great literary writing? Absolutely not! Great fun to write? Absolutely yes!

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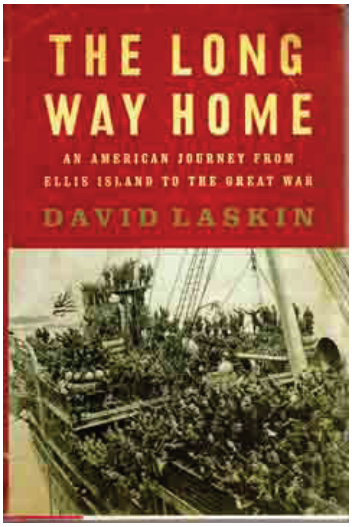

***The Long Way Home: An American Journey From Ellis Island to the Great War.* By David Laskin. HarperCollins: New York, 2010. 386 pages include Chaper Notes and Index. $26.99.**

World War I was to be "the war to end all wars". In 1917, 1/3 of U.S. population was born in other nations. Some immigrants from 1890s- early 20th century who came to escape conscription in their home countries, were drafted or enlisted in the U.S. military and some even fought in their homeland for America. David Laskin has told the stories of 12 such immigrants in this fascinating exploration of the journey these men made from Ellis Island to the Great War.

The author says that his sources whenever possible were based upon interviews, letters, scrapbooks and military records of these soldiers. In describing their experiences the author used "personal accounts, family stories and memories, letters and diaries." He also used National Archives Records to learn more about battles, and specific incidents in these battles as recorded by officers and others.

An amendment to the naturalization act May 19, 1918 expedited the citizenship process for aliens serving in U.S. military by removing the residency requirement and required registration of first papers. After General Order 151 was issued, U.S. immigrant soldiers only had to file a form ("the Petition for Naturalization, the Affidavit of Witnesses and the Oath of Allegiance ") before a proper army officer to obtain citizenship.

The immigrant men whose stories appear in this book were soldiers with the American Army and made a mark in history for our nation and their descendents. This is an important story for all Americans to study and understand. Laskin has made it an easy and interesting excursion into America's past.

September SCGS Meeting Minutes

The September 2010 Meeting, held September 13, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames City Hall in room 135. There were 21 members present and 8 guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was read by Kathi Strobl and approved. There was no Library Book Report but Lucille Wahrenbrock requested that people give her input on the books they would like to purchase for the Library.

Correspondence: The IGS Fall Conference is on October 8-9 and the cost is $55, brochures were available. The 2nd Annual IGS Quilt Show, "Tales These Quilts Can Tell", is at IGS on September 30 -October 1&2 the admission is $5. Cedar Rapids has a "Family History Symposium" on October 23. Story City is having a Storytelling Festival Sept 24-26.Weekend.

Old Business:

On September 14th at 10:00, Ross Petra will give a talk on "Google Basics for Genealogists".

New Business:

Elizabeth Wilt Cable asked for volunteers to help Boy Scouts earn a merit badge doing genealogy. Marti Rasmussen said that any information for the Monthly Newsletter be e-mailed to her by the 3rd Thursday of the Month. This will be the deadline from now on.

Marti Rasmussen suggested that the November Meeting should be an invite a guest meeting where there was a program for the guests. She asked Alan Spahnheimer to present the program by members of.Musica Antiqua.

A nominating committee was put together of Lu-Ann Endreland and Gretchen Triplett. The treasurer's office is open. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Elaine Larson won the drawing for the *Family Tree Magazine*. Merlene Whisenand talked about a Genealogist's Nightmare. She had her genealogy records destroyed by a flood of 4 ½ feet of water in her basement this summer.

John Groh gave the presentation "Lost in Siberia … The Rest of the Story." This is the story of his Groh family who were Germans from Russia and how they were reunited with descendants of his relatives who remained in Russia when his family immigrated to the United States.

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Grace Amemya Will Speak At IGS on Oct. 14 in Des Moines

IGS Life & Times Lecture Series Features Grace Aiko Obata Amemya who shares a compelling story of life at a Japanese internment camp California during World War II. The program is a 7 pm Thursday, October 14 at the Iowa Genealogical Society Library, 618 E. Grand Ave. in Des Moines.

Grace Amemya, of Ames, has spoken of life in the Gila Bend Camp in schools and other places in Ames. She has an interesting and fascinating account of this stressful time to tell and would probably appreciate some friends from Ames in the audience. No reservations are required and the program is free.

IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT. 8-9 IN DES MOINES

Gail Blankenau, photo historian and genealogist, will be the keynote speaker at the IGS Annual Conference Oct. 8- 9 at the State Historical Building in Des Moines across from IGS Library. She will make five lectures during the two-day meeting covering Dating/Identitying 19th Century Photos,; and "Rich Resources for Poor Ancestors" on Friday. On Saturday her topics will be Land Records and "Keeping Up with the Jones ....and Smiths" The theme of the Annual Meeting is Resources Close to Home.

Other speakers from the staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa are: Sharon Avery, Archivist;; Jeffrey Dawson, Interim State Archivist; Susan Jellinger, Librarian; Delpha Musgrave, Local Records & Newspaper Preservation; and Becki Plunkett, Special Collections Archivist.

For more information contact: 515-276-0287 or on the web: http://www.iowagenealogy.org

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Second Annual IGS Heritage Quilt Show in Des Moines Sept 30- Oct 2

"Crazy Quilt" filmed at Antiques Roadshow Aug. 7. It is owned by Gretchen Triplett, a member of SCGS.

This quilt pictured above and below is owned by Gretchen Triplett, a SCGS member, and is the one made of WRC badges received by her great[-grandmother. This "crazy quilt" was made by her grandmother. Gretchen took it to Antiques Roadshow August 7 and it was chosen for filming.

Below is a closeup of the quilt to show what the badges looked like in more detail. Siting on the table with the quilt are photographs of Gretchen Triplett's grandmothers.

For more Quilt Show photos, see the SCGS web pages next week and enjoy a easy way to enjoy their beauty and heritage of IGS members

**********2010 SCGS MEETINGS:

- **NOVEMBER 8 At Ames Public Library as usaul in the Auditorium. Election of Officers followed by a short program by members of Musica Antiqua and sharing of information by members. Please bring yur pedicgree charts & an object relevant to your family history fo show & tell.**
- **Next meeting in JANUARY.**

All Meetings Are Scheduled for 7 pm at Ames Public Library unless listed for different time and/or place.

Merlene Whisenand stands in front of her large colorful quilt displayed at the IGS 2nd Annual Heritage Quilt show recently.

Two SCGS Members Exhibit at IGS Heritage Quilt Show Sept 30-Oct. 2. and their Quilts were among those of great interest. Gretchen Triplett brought the Quilt that she took to Antique Road Show in August and also included additional items from her grandmother and great grandmother.

Merlene Whisenand brought a large beautiful quilt was a heritage quilt from her family and is attractive in its own right. More photos of quilts will be shown from the show online on our web pages as we have more information and time to set up a page.

The Quilt show was organized by Shirley Muncier, Betty and Bob Arendt and Betty Phillips. Shirley Muncier has for an IGS fundraiser for sale the patteren for "Emme's Calico Cat Quilt" which is displayed in the photo below. The pattern is available for $5 each for a limited time. ***Contact Shirley Munier via email: <sd.munier@earthlink.net> or by phone: 515-277-2066 if you are interested in acquiring this pattern or wish more information about the quilts in the IGS Heritage Quilt Show.***

Quilt Pattern called "Emme's Calico Cat Quilt" is being sold as fundraiser for Iowa Genealogical Society. $5 per pattern.

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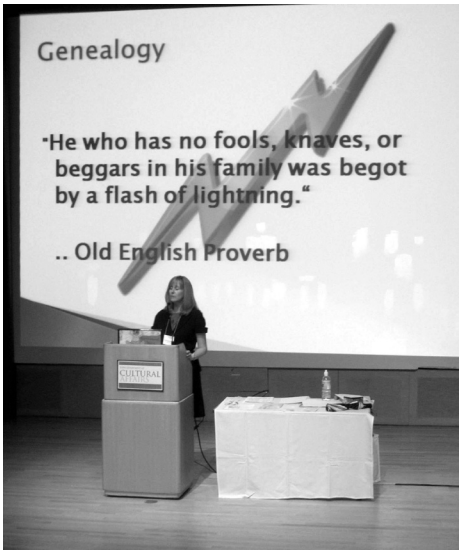
7 PM NOVEMBER 8 MEETING - AT AMES PUBLIC LBRARY
FARWELL BROWN AUDITORIUM AS USUAL

SCGS members are encouraged to bring a guest. Members of Musica Antiqua will demonstrate some early musical instruments. Treats will be served! Bring a family heirloom or treasure to share info for a short "show and tell" presentation. Also bring your pedigree charts for a chance meeting with a relative or friend of your family. The meeting is open to the public. For information call 232-8805.

Resources Close To Home IGS Annual Conference

By Buckley and Marilyn Peterson

Gail Blankeneau, genealogist from Lincoln, Nebraska, spearheaded the IGS 2010 fall conference, which was held at the State Historical Library in Des Moines, October 8 and 9.



For two days, Gail related her vast experience in photo identification, locating ancestors by economic factors, using land records, and dealing with common, sometimes confusing names—"John" was common, but when nearly all the relatives are named "John" you have a problem.

Never write on the back of a photograph. Always handle them with lint-free white gloves, and keep track of where the photo was found. Identifying photographs by decades helps—dress codes were important. For example, in the 1840s hair covered the ears, and women wore V-shaped bodices; girls parted their hair in the middle; boys parted their hair on the side. In the 60s the women wore wide dress hoops. By the 70s men had more facial hair and wore high collars. The women adopted huge bustles and wore bangs in the 80s, and by the 90s everyone wanted to be photographed beside a bicycle. It's all important in figuring out the time frame of the photograph. Gail said her favorite book on the subject is "*Dressed for the Photographer*" by Joan Severa, but she said you should never stop with just one book.

Land records can be a gate through a brick wall," she said. Land records should be a regular part of research. Boundaries changed; pay attention to county records. Warranty deeds, Quit claims, terminology like Et us (and spouse) and Et al (and others), and "heir at law" need critical attention. That session, Break Through Using Land Records, was Gail's second presentation.

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OCTOBER SCGS Meeting Minutes

The October 2010 Meeting, held October 11, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames City Hall in room 135. There were 16 members present and 7 guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was read by Mary Lohr and approved. Lucille Wahrenbrock gave the Library report and requested that people give her input on the books they would like to purchase for the Library.

Correspondence: There were handouts for the IGS programs.

Announcements: The policy for cancellation of SCGS meeting due to weather is that if Ames Schools are cancelled then so is SCGS. The cancellation will also be posted on the web site. The IGS is having a paper drive. To donate people can bring paper towels, toilet paper or reams of paper to the next meeting.

The State Historical Society has found the missing book that contained the deaths from July 1919 to 1921. These have been missing for a long time and have not been microfilmed. They have put a list of these deaths on their website www.iowahistory.org. Most counties had gaps that were not microfilmed and the Society is working on all these gaps and posting them on their web site. The Ames Family History Center will be closed on October 12.

New Business: Luanne Endreland spoke about the officers nominating committee. She said that if anyone wanted to run let Mary Lohr know. The treasurer's office will need someone for sure and she has one interested person. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting.

November Meeting Program: Marti Rasmussen announced arrangements for a program at the November meeting by members of Musica Antiqua including a demonstration of antique musical instruments by this local musical organization from the ISU Music Department . The November meeting would be guest night so everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. There will be treats that night, so everyone is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share. We will conduct mini genealogical help sessions for those that are interested. The November meeting will be at the Ames Public Library.

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Lives & Times Series This Fall at IGS Library Ends with Oct.16 Program

Grace Amemiya, Ames resident, educated and informed 40 attendees at the final presentation for 2010 at IGS in Des Moines on Thursday, October 16.

Grace, an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, told her story of living for a year in an internment camp in California in 1942. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all people of Japanese ancestry on the West coast were required to give up their jobs and homes and reside in the camps. She was released to take nurses training at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, MN, with the final six months of training at the Army hospital in Clinton, Iowa. Grace delivered a fascinating speech. In addition, she set up a display of photos and a miniature internment camp, complete with guard towers, which, she said, were manned with machine guns. She has lived in Iowa since 1960, and she emphasized, "I'm proud to be an Iowan."

The 2010 Lives and Times series started with a presentation by Robert Owens and Bob and Joyce Ausberger from Jefferson, Iowa. They presented a program on the Lincoln Highway Association, which originated in Jefferson and became a nation-wide organization. The association continues to operate in the interest of maintaining the historical value of the Lincoln Highway (Highway 30). All four presentations in the Life & Times series were held at the Iowa Genealogical Society Library on Thursday nights.

John Groh, Johnston, Iowa, presented the second progam entitled "Lost in Siberia; the Rest of the Story." Half of his German ancestors immigrated to the United States, and the other half immigrated to Russia. After seventy years with no contact, John was able to establish communication with his relatives in Russia through the Internet. And, some of those relatives traveled to Iowa to spend three weeks with the Grohs.

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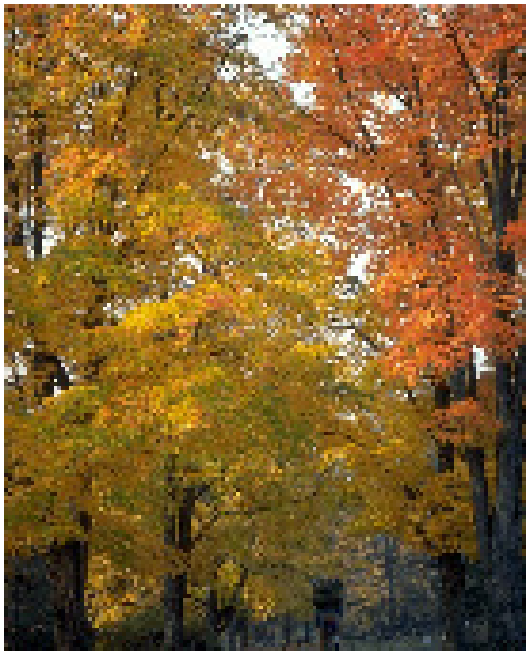
Marti Rasmussen spoke about SCGS providingGenealogy Class at the Memorial Union in the MU Workspace. She and Mary Lohr met with Latitia Kenemer, Coordinator of the MU Workspace. Four classes of 1 ½ to 2 hours long would meet once a week and the charge would be $30. The Workspace requires an artistic component that might be writing, scrapbooking, photographs or print of family tree. The MU will provide WiFi and materials. A proposal for SCGS to provide the class will be submitted by mid November or December. Suggestions for content and activities are invited. This class would likely be scheduled before ISU Spring Break in March. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Program: Wendy Harrod, Associate Professor of Sociology, gave a presentation "My Experiences Doing Archival Research on Muzafer Sherif. " It included her experiences at the National Archives and also obtaining information from the FBI using the Freedom of Information Act .



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Rich **Resources for Poor Ancestors—who was taking care of whom—means that an ancestor might have been residing in an alms house (poor farm), which might serve to identify the relative's location.** Formerly, the church took care of that, but when it became the obligation of the towns, the town's records (town council meeting) could be a source of information. And, Gail offered a totally unfamiliar term—"warning out," outsiders (non land owners) could be advised to leave the area.

Gail's final presentation was "Keeping up with the Jonses…and Smiths." In great detail she related the confusion that occurs when too many people have the same name. But, she said people of common interest tended to move together—Birds of a feather….

Steve Burton presented his session—"Why we do what we do and what that means to you." Steve represented Family Search International from Utah,

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Gail Blankenau, keynote speaker at 2010 IGS Conference

an organization founded in 1894. And he said it's purpose is to get more records to more people quicker. Steve presented a slide show of the Granite Mountain Records Vault.

Breakout groups included Becki Plunkett with "Surfing for Special Collections" and Susan Jellinger with "Pre-planning Your Historical Library Visit." Both Becki and Susan are employees of the State Historical Library.

Jeffrey Dawson, Deputy State Archivist, conducted tours of the State Archives at the library. He directed attention to government archives and other historical resources.

Sharon Avery, archivist and genealogist, conducted a presentation on military records, especially the Civil War, Spanish-American, World War I, and World War II.

The 2010 fall conference was a superb genealogical endeavor, and it was conducted cooperatively by Iowa Genealogical Society and the State Historical Society of Iowa.#

2010 LIVES & TIMES SERIES

Aiddy **Phomvisay, Assistant Principal at Valley High School in Des Moines, gave a tremendously inspiring presentation about his family's immigration to the United States from Laos during the Viet Nam conflict.** His program was entitled "Elijah's Story." Before Aiddy and Mindy's son, Elijah, was born, Aiddy wrote a children's book and developed an inspirational program that would reflect his admiration for the freedom they enjoy in the United States. Raising their son to appreciate freedom was their driving force.

David **Russell, Ames minister, presented a program, Swiss Family Adventure, about his family's trip to Switzerland, Germany, and France two years ago where he located a great, great, great grandfather's house that served as a hiding place for heavily persecuted Ana-Baptists—sort of an underground railroad**. David did indeed visit the house of his forebears, and he entertained the group with a very timely travelogue of the trip to Switzerland.

Grace brought to a close the 2010 Lives and Times series. A new slate of programs will start in June 2011. #

**********2010 SCGS MEETINGS:

- **NOVEMBER 8 in the Auditorium at Ames Public Library. Election of Officers followed by a short program by members of Musica Antiqua. Bring treats to share.**
- **JANUARY 10, 2011 "Sailing with Capt. John W. Strout, (1853-1884) "presented by Katie Pattee, SCGS member.**

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No December meeting.ß

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IGS SPRING CONFERENCE

The Iowa Genealogical Society hosts a special one-day Spring Conference on **Saturday, April 17, 2010,** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., showcasing 21st century computer technology and its benefits for the family historian.

Keynote presenter Geoff Rasmussen, discusses the many tools and techniques available to today's genealogy software users. Programs will be held at both the IGS Library (628 E. Grand Ave.) and the State Historical Building (across the street: 600 E. Locust, Des Moines). For more information about this conference: Download printable registration information, or register online: www.iowagenealogy.org .Phone: 515-276-0287 Registrations after March 31st: $50 IGS members/$60 non-members.#

Spring has sprung at last!
We hope you had
a HAPPY EASTER.

Susan Jellinger, Librarian , our speaker at Monday, April 12 Meeting. Photo by Duane Tinkey

APRIL 12 SCGS MEETING
7 pm Ames Public Library

Susan Jellinger, our speaker from Iowa Historical Society Library in Des Moines, will talk about "Connecting Generations" in which she highlights Historical Library research facilities with emphasis on genealogists' special interests. She will also present some information and a demonstration of a relatively new online database at the Historical Library, Newspaper Archive.

"Genealogy Conversations Sessions" Offered Before Meeting at 6 pm in April and May

Could your genealogy research use a bit of help? Ancestral searching results have you feeling a bit discouraged? Have you found some new and exciting sources? Whatever it is you wish to discuss about genealogy, you may find the forum we are calling "Genealogy Conversations" helpful.

At the April and May meetings, participants can come at 6 p.m. to meet and chat. This is a chance to collaborate, discuss and explore solutions with your genealogical research. Discussion will be informal, and participants will determine the topics. Plans are to have an area of the Farwell Brown Auditorium set aside for this exchange. A laptop computer may be available for quick look-ups if needed.

Now that the hours of daylight are a bit longer, this might just be the "cure" for the long winter we have survived! The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m.#

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Inventory of Genealogical Reference Material

The Story County Genealogical Society members began the task in early March of inventorying the material in the genealogy reference collection at the Ames Public Library. Katie Pattee is heading the process, which is being done under the auspices of the Ames Public Library staff.

Mary Logsdon, librarian, says the collection has languished somewhat in the past ten years or so and definitely needs some attention. The first task is checking the collection to determine what is on the shelves and what is missing. Volunteers are working from a computer-generated list and comparing what should be on the shelf with what is actually found on the shelf.

There are 849 titles that should be on the shelf. Workers will not only verify the physical presence of the book but also check the condition of the book (does it need repair?) and "shelf read" the collection to arrange the titles in correct call number order. SCGS workers completed this Inventory on Monday, March 29 with several titles removed for the librarians to repair or check the barcode and/or call numbers. SCGS volunteers recommend that Ames Public Library put descriptive labels on the shelves to aid patrons in browsing the collection to make this genealogy reference collection more user-friendly, so this may be something the librarians will decide to add for this section. Wait and see!

Members of Story County Genealogical Society have completed the Inventory of our Genealogy Reference Collection at Ames Public Library. Lucille Wahrenbrock, left , and Katie Pattee, right, shown above are checking the shelflist for titles in the collection. Other members helping with this Inventory were Mary Lohr, Martha Deyoe, Gwenna Jacobson and Marti Rasmussen.

Chapter librarian Lucille Wahrenbrock and historian Martha Deyoe have already completed the inventory process of the the magazine collection! They compiled a list of each issue and have presented it to the Ames Public Library staff. The biggest challenge of this project: wanting to more closely examine and read so many of the great books in the collection and realizing, if progress is going to be made, the reading will have to wait until a bit later. *

March 2010 Meeting Minutes

The March 2009 meeting, held on March 8, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames Public Library. The minutes of the January meeting were approved, the past February meeting had not been held because of snow. Kathi Strobl gave the treasurers report and it was approved.

Reports: Katie Patee, Donnelle Meyer and Kathi Strobl gave an audit report that said the books were in good order. Lucille Wahrenbrock gave a library report. There were four books added to the collection as listed in March newsletter. . Three additional volumes needed to complete The Great Migration set.

Correspondence: IGS Spring Technology Conference scheduled for April 17 for $50 Registration before March 31.. *Story on Page 1*

Old Business: Two revisions to the bylaws were discussed. Motions were made and approved to change the bylaws. *See story on Page 3.* Luanne Endreland will give a report at the April meeting about the research database. Gwenna Jacobson reported about the cemetery project.

New Business: Marti Rasmussen spoke about a genealogy class being offered by OLLI at ISU. The course is Keeping Electronic Records from April 20 to May 11 taught by Prof. Laurent Hodges. OLLI membership is $25 a year if not already a member with course fee $40 dollars Two genealogy programs on TV: Faces of America on PBS and Who Do You Think You Are? on NBC. A discussion group will meet Saturday April 24 at 2:00 in the Ames Library Community Room to discuss these programs. *Story on Page 3*

At April and May meetings Genealogy Conversations from 6:00 to 6:45 pm is planned before the regular SCGS meeting. *Story on Page 1.* .Members and guests are welcome. March Meeting adjourned for program by Carol Kenealy about "Women of the Wild West." #

ATTENTION: SPECIAL MEETING

Genealogy TV Programs Discussion April 24, 2 pm at Ames Public Library

The Story County Genealogical Society will host a forum at 2 pm Saturday April 24 to discuss two new family history TV programs: PBS's "Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." and, NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" Both programs have episodes posted for download on their websites. SCGS and Ames Public Library are co-sponsoring this meeting.

Explore family history research, ask questions, and share your ideas and opinions about the family history research presented on these program as they explore the background of celebrities. Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates Jr. was on during February on PBS. "Who Do You Think Your Are?", based on a successful British program, has been broadcast during March.on Fridays at 7 pm on NBC (Channel 13) in this area. Sarah Jessica Parker, and her husband Matthew Broderick have explored their family's history are two the celebrities seen here. Brooke Shields, Emmit Smith and Lisa Kudrow, have been others featured this month. Still to come later are Susan Sarandon and Spike Lee.

Our discussion will focus on what we learned about family history research and the inspiration that the program has given us to dig further to share and learn more about our own families. Bring questions, ideas, and your enthusiasm We welcome all! #

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SCGS BYLAWS CHANGES PASSED

Two changes to the Story County Genealogical Society bylaws were passed in a vote at the March 8 meeting. The Changes are as follows:

1. Adding the positions of historian and newsletter editor to the list of officers.

2.A nominating committee shall be appointed at the September meeting. (The previous version of the by-laws has March.)#

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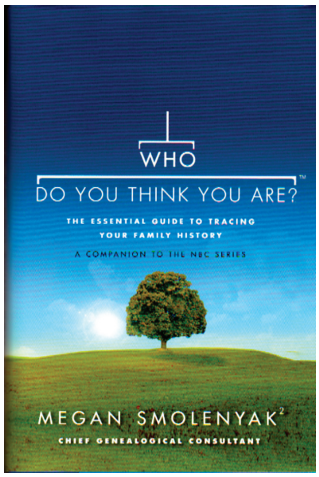
Book Review



Who Do You Think You Are?
The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History
By Megan Smolenyak

A Companion book for the NBC Series March 5- April 9 , then April 23 & 30. Megan Smolenyak- Chief Genealogical Consultant.

This companion book to the TV series- Who Do You Think You Are? --is nothing more than an introduction to this hobby. It is a guide to some of the various ways to search and find your and others' family history.

Megan Smolenyak is an excellent experienced genealogist who explains how to use census records, sort out all the online resources and what DNA testing is and can do. For beginners, the author offers hints on using census, and military records, The discussion of online resources such as Ancestry.com, and FamilySearch.org is helpful.

As a way to capture the current celebrities' reaction and discoveries of their family history, the book has a brief description of each episode without detail of the research. It is a readable interesting guide to lead you to first steps in learning your family history.#

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- **"Connecting Generations"**
- **APR. 24 Saturday TV Show Discussion "Is the Face of America Yours? at Ames Public Library 2-3:30 pm.**
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Obituary Project Update

by Mary Lohr

In yet another project currently underway, members of the Story County Genealogical Society are working to collect obituaries for persons interred in the Ames Municipal Cemetery from 1918-1927. Working from a list of burials supplied from cemetery records, SCGS members are scanning microfilmed copies of Ames newspapers from that time period. Progress has been somewhat slower than expected, but the searching, scanning, and printing work is continuing.

The first two years have been completed and will be shown to Kevin Little, foreman at the cemetery for his input. A second copy will be printed for the years 1919-1921 to serve as a substitute for the death records that are missing for that time period from Story County.

The newspapers serve as a time capsule of events as indicated by the records of deaths attributed to the 1918 flu pandemic. Locally, names often seen in headlines are Tilden, Pammel, and Pearson. It's both interesting to read these pieces of history and, yet, hard not to become too absorbed in reading them and forget the task at hand.

Mary Ausborn, 2009 President and our 2010 Vice President . Give her your ideas for programs.

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It Worked Well, So Let's Do It Again!

The first "genealogy conversations" session was well received at the April meeting, so we'll repeat it at the May 10 meeting.

Participants can come at 6 p.m. to share and discuss problems and research and all things genealogy. This is an opportunity to "hob-nob," not with the rich and famous, but with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. Long-time member Roger Hogle will be back to bring us up to date on some of his research and activities.

Theresa Liewer, from the Iowa Genealogical Society, will be giving a presentation on "Using Military Records for Genealogy." Those who have heard Theresa speak know she is an incredible source of information. Come for an evening of learning and fun at our last meeting until September!

Two SCGS Members have shared their stories. Come and tell us Yours. Luanne Endreland used the following translation web site for the phrase below. <http://translate.reference.com/translate>

Trunk possibly from family farm in Norway -Closeup of photo above.

Soga Om Vats, Gard og ætt i gamle Vats herad....

Photo from Luanne Endreland

A Norwegian Trunk came with great-grandparents in 1889. But what is its Real Age? Photo from Luanne Endreland.via email.

Luanne Endreland shares this information about this trunk...

This is a picture of a Norwegian trunk that came with my husband, John's great-grandparents from Norway in aboutt 1889. Since the date on the trunk was 1820, I knew that it had not belonged to them originally**.** His parents have had it for many years and John will soon become the new caretaker of it. I don't think I ever knew they had it.

Well, I was curious as to whom it had belonged. I decided to look in the Norwegian **bygdebok** that the family farm was listed in, *Soga Om Vats, Gard og ætt i gamle Vats herad* (which using the translator means - Soga About Vats, farm and family in the old Vats heard). I found the name, Mellene Tjerandsdt Stillufseike, as the second wife of Tørres Nilsen who was John's great-grandfather's grandfather. I don't have the information from the farm she came from but I have requested it through an

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Google, Genealogy, Great-grandparents, and Goodies

by Mary Lohr

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In order to find what might be useful on the Internet, the Story County Genealogical Society, will co-sponsor a session at the Ames Public Library on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. Ross Petra, Information Services Librarian, will give a presentation on searching Google effectively. Although applicable to searching a broad range of topics, the emphasis will be on using Google for genealogy searching. There will be an opportunity to do some hands on Google searching. Come and learn some ways to track down the

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an inter-library loan at the Ames Public Library and I'm just trying to be patiently waiting for it.

I'm thinking that the other name on the trunk was from her first marriage as she and Tørres were married in 1826. I'll just have to wait and see if there is more information on her and who she might have married. It's so interesting! I'll let you know if the mystery is ever solved.#

Closeup of Tablecloth from Carole Seifert's family. SEE STORY "STITCHES IN TIME" ON PAGE 4 Photo by Mary Lohr.

APRIL 2010 Meeting Minutes

The April 2010 Meeting, held April 12, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames Public Library. There were 25 members and 4 guests present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved. No treasurers report was given.

Reports: Lucille Wahrenbrock gave the library report and there was a $500 order to complete the Great Migration order. She also had several of the new books available for people examine. Katie Pattee gave a report about the Library Inventory project which was completed in April.

Correspondence: There was an announcement about the Library Volunteer Appreciation luncheon on Monday the 19th from 11:30 to 1:00. There was an announcement about the Open House on Friday the 16th from 1:00 to 7:00 at IGS in Des Moines. There was an announcement about a German (Ostfriesen) Genealogical Seminar & Workshop in Wellsburg on June 12 with speaker Lin Strong. Merrill Price from Marshalltown had sent a letter about the Illinois death records.

Carole Seifert showed us a special table cloth she had brought that had signatures of her relatives that had been embroidered. ***See Story on Page 4.*** Luanne Endreland talked about the meeting at Story City with the Sons of Norway.

Old Business: Gwenna Jacobson gave an update about the Cemetery Obituary project which is still ongoing. Marti Rasmussen talked about the special meeting, *Is the Face of America Yours?* at 2:00 on the 24th April in the Ames Public Library --a discussion about the two recent genealogical series on TV: **Who do you think you are?** on NBC and **Faces of America** on PBS. *Report on Page 3* June 7th there will be another Special Meeting at the Ames Public Library called Google for Genealogists.. *Story this page*. Marti also introduced Laurent Hodges who is teaching a class for OLLI at ISU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.
An informal session, called Genealogy Conversations, was held before this meeting and again in May at 6 pm. ***See Story on Page 1.***

Susan Jellinger was our speaker from the Iowa's Historical Society Library in Des Moines, about "Connecting Generations." She talked about how to do research and resources available at the Historical Library in Des Moines..#

Genealogy TV Programs Discussion Held April 24 at Ames Public Library

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The two programs were described as interesting and a way to explore family history research techniques such as using census and city directories to identify an ancestor.. ***Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates Jr***. was on during February on PBS. was notable for the historical context in which Prof. Gates, a Harvard historian, brought to the interviews and findings for each celebrity.

"Who Do You Think Your Are?" has been broadcast during March and April on Fridays at 7 pm on NBC (Channel 13) in this area. The forum discussed more in depth the April 23rd program featuring Susan Sarandan with many there agreeing it was the best program so far. One more program in this series was broadcast on Friday, Apr. 30 and featured the family history research for Spike Lee, the film director.

NBC has renewed the Who Do You Think You Are program for a 2nd series, so we amateur genealogists will have even more to talk about next year. #

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"Stitches in Time"

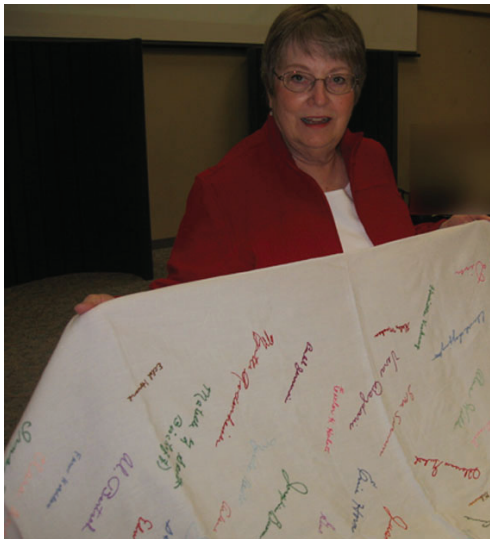
by Mary Lohr

If these signatures could talk, they would have many stories to tell! This tablecloth represents over twenty years of family history of SCGS member, Carole Seifert. As relatives and friends came to visit her aunt and uncle, they were invited to sign the cloth. Then Carole's aunt would embroider the signature, creating a timeless keepsake. There are a total of 201 signatures on the fabric.

Here is Carole's description of the tablecloth:
"The history of the cloth was that it was started in the 1940's. My aunt-by-marriage, Io (Reeves) Brock was the woman who did the embroidery. Io was my mother's sister-in-law, the wife of my mother's older brother, Arthur Albert Brock. The cloth was signed through the years until about 1960 when Io deemed it to be full.

My grandparent's signatures (Dr. Arthur Nye Brock and Mary Brock) are on the long sides of the center of the cloth, and Art and Io's are on the ends of the oblong in the middle. My grandfather was a country medical doctor who graduated from St Louis University. He had allergies, and Mary had to hitch and unhitch the team after he came back from a call.

There is an oblong left blank in the very middle for Io's rose bowl (or some other centerpiece of the season).



Art (my uncle) and Io were a childless couple, but very social. They were in the Masonic order and Eastern Star in Fenton, Mo. They had business friends. Art worked as a VP of Gravois Bank in Sappington Mo. (Vera Sappington's signature is on the cloth.) They had friends from card clubs, garden clubs, neighborhood associations, etc. They entertained almost every weekend. Then, of course, there were their relatives. Io had a big family too, and all of them signed."

I'm the matriarch of the family, and all the rest are gone. We were once over 20 people around the tables, but I am an only child and an only grandchild. Now my children are after me to get this all down, so they know who is who. I discovered the cloth in my dresser drawer when I was looking for genealogical documents I may have hidden from myself."

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Hello SCGS Members,
Even though our group does not meet during the summer, we do have a couple sessions planned that might help boost your genealogy research. The first one is “Google Basics for Genealogists” and will be held this coming Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Ames Public Library in the Farwell Brown Auditorium.
The second is “The Role of Genetic Testing in Genealogy” and will be given Monday, June 28, at 7 p.m. Also at the Ames Public Library, Farewell Brown Auditorium. If you have questions or issues you'd like addressed during the session, you can email me (maryjlohr@gmail.com) and I will pass them onto Naomi.
See below for a fuller description of each program.
AND, Theresa Liewer, who spoke at our May meeting, has told me there will be a one day conference in Des Moines on Irish research on Saturday, August 7. More information will be forthcoming and on the IGS website (www.iowagenealogy.org)
Hope to see many of you at the sessions in June!
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So, while Grandma almost certainly did not use Google, the records she left quite possibly might be located using this search engine. Come and learn some ways to track down the "goodies."

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7 PM SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING - AT AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135, 515 CLARK AVE., AMES

John Groh "Lost in Siberia ... The Rest of the Story"

John Groh relates the story of the Groh family, natives of Grimm, Russia. One branch emigrated to the United States and the remaining family members were deported to Siberia by Stalin's Communist regime. Separated for over seventy years, the family was finally reunited in the last several years. Come to the September 13 SCGS meeting and hear this remarkable account of the Groh family.

Mary Ausborn, vice-president of SCGS, comments, "I learn some new things every time I've heard John tell this story." John's story involves a German connection, the Groh and Fritzler surnames, the Internet, and the power of persistence. Come and share this special presentation and family story.

Oct. 11, 2010 Wendy Harrod "Researching in the National Archives"

Dr. Wendy Harrod has spent several months in the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, MD and will share her experiences. Also held at Ames City Hall, 515 Clark, Ames, IA.

Looking Ahead *September-October*

IN AMES

SEPT 14 Ross Petra, Information Services Librarian, will give a presentation "Google Basics for Genealogy" repeating June program. 10 am at Ames Public Library cosponsored by SCGS and Ames Public Library.

IN DES MOINES

SEPT 30 10 am- 9 pm - OCT. 1 &2 10 am-4 pm. 2nd Annual Heritage Quilt Show. "Tales these Quilts Can Tell. " Location: Iowa Genealogical Library, 628 E.Grand.

Phone IGS Library for more information. 515-276-0287. $5 Admission.

OCT 8 -9. IGS FALL CONFERENCE At State Historical Society of Iowa & Iowa Genealogical Society

GAIL BLANKENAU, Lincoln, Nebraska will be special guest. Visit IGS website <www. iowagenealogy.com> for more information.

Marti Rasmussen took this Chinese Vase to the Des Moines Antiques Roadshow but it wasn't chosen for filming. Be sure to read Gretchen Triplett's story about her experience at Antiques Roadshow and how exciting it was to be filmed!

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Book Review The Journey Takers

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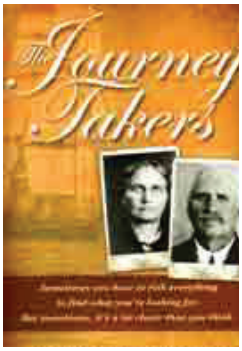

The Journey Takers *represents 12 years of hard family history research for Leslie Albrecht Huber. And what an accomplishment it is--good writing, exciting stories, and excellence in genealogy research as well.* Huber stopped in Des Moines in early July with her 4 children and mother accompanying her and spoke about her work to a group at the IGS Library.

The book is divided into 4 parts as she describes the lives of German, Swedish, and English ancestors before they came to America. And Part Four tells about those who came to Utah. It is a dramatic and fascinating account of these journeys and these travellers.

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DES MOINES ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

By Gretchen Triplett ***CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4***

Beth told me that WRC badges generally were not a hot item historically, but because there were so many of them here, and my gramma had used them to create a piece of art, there was more than historical value. Although I would probably not sell it, she said, for insurance purposes quilt value would be $1000-1500. She also told me that she would hang it up on a wall because it was such a colorful item and invites conversation.

What can I say except that it was one of the most exciting events of my entire life! I was so thrilled to think they also felt this quilt was really special.

Of course, I could well get left on the cutting room floor. Antiques Roadshow is visiting six cities this summer, then return to Boston and determine what actually goes in each hour segment. Des Moines will have three one-hour shows. The dates will be announced in September.

Don't we all love seeing those old things, and marvel at the treasures and history of them! It was the experience of a lifetime for me. One I'll treasure forever. I think my family will be so happy I took this treasure to the Roadshow!

MAY Meeting Minutes

The May 2010 Meeting, held May 10, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames Public Library. There were 22 members and 6 guests present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was read by Mary Lohr

Correspondence: There was an announcement about the Ostfriesland Conference in June at Wellsburg. A thank you note was read from IGS for the $100 donation we gave. The IGE e-news was shared. A member had two books that were for sale or donation, one was on Carroll County and one was on Berks County. An announcement was made about the Worldwide Wendish Workship on Oct 13-15 in State Center. Wendish are people from near Poland.

Old Business: Merlene Whisenand gave an update on the obituary project. Marti Rasmussen's report said about 22 people came to the special meeting, *Is the Face of America Yours?,* which was held at 2:00 on Apr. 24 in the Ames Public Library. They had a discussion about the two recent genealogical series on TV: **Who do you think you are?** on NBC and **Faces of America** on PBS.

New Business: An announcement was made about current IGS classes. Martha Deyoe was going to take volunteers to IGS on Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Call Martha Deyoe if you want to volunteer. An announcement was made that Footnote would have Historical Newspapers for free for a limited time. June 7th there will be another Special Meeting at the Ames Public Library called *Google for Genealogists* (laptops will be available). An announcement was made about the death of a Webster City genealogist Nadine Dingman.The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

An informal session, called Genealogy Conversations, was held before this meeting at 6:00.

Roger Hogle gave a talk about when he joined the Story Count Genealogy Society. In 1991 he assisted with the cemetery walking and helped merge the different members' cemetery lists into a 12 volume book set and created an index for the 12 volume Story County Grave Marker Inscription book set. He also talked about the book he wrote about his ancestor Daniel Ludwig Bocks. Theresa Liewer presented our program: "Finding and Using Military Records".

Genealogy Learning Opportunities

Although SCGS does not meet in the summer months, our group sponsored two worthwhile programs in June. We partnered with the Ames Public Library to co-sponsor a session called "Google Basics for Genealogists." The presentation, given by librarian Ross Petra, drew a good audience. If you were unable to attend, this session is being repeated Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Ames Public Library. In addition, the book *Google Your Family Tree* by Daniel M. Lynch gives an excellent explanation of using the Google search engine. The book has an accompanying website at:
http://www.googleyourfamilytree.com/genealogy_powersearch.php

Also in June, SCGS sponsored a talk by **Naomi J. Lohr, M.D. on "The Role of Genetic Testing in Genealogy."** She gave an overview of genetics, including inherited traits, mitochondrial DNA and Y-chromosomes, the role and use of tests, and how the results can be applied to genealogy. The potentials and limitations of genetic testing were described. **If you missed this one, you may want to attend a session at the Iowa Genealogical Society on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30-12:30. It will be given by Carla Sanders, a knowledgeable speaker on the topic. The title is "Genetic Genealogy -- DNA Testing."**

The Journey Takers

Huber went to Mecklenburg , Germany area after college graduation to learn more about her German ancestors, Georg and Mina Albrecht and visited their villages where they grew up. Then she later went to Sweden to explore the area where her favorite ancestor, Karsti Nilsdotter lived and left to come to Ameica when she was only 17 and with no prospects in Sweden. Karsti set sail May 16, 1861 on a ship called Monarch of the Sea, with other LDS church members headed for Utah.

The author also highlights Lessons she learned from her research such as: 1. Understand the places your ancestors lived by consulting maps to learn about jurisdictions and boundaries so you don't look in the wrong place. 2. Remember that your original records/family stories could be wrong so verify them and use creativity in your search. 3. Learn social history of the time and place of your ancestors origin so you can understand their reasons for immigration.

In the end, you can't help but be inspired by the courage shown by these immigrants -- our ancestors.

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My Des Moines Antique Roadshow Moments August 7- Wow!

By Gretchen Triplett

I never expected to win the Irish Sweepstates, but I did. Antiques Roadshow called me less than 24 hours before the show at the Iowa Events Center with two free tickets to Des Moines Saturday, August 7, and I could bring just two items.

I found a friend to drive me (I was waaay too excited), got my stuff, and off we went very early the next morning. Entering the hall and up the escalator, and directed by many friendly and able IPTV volunteers, I was told to have my 'stuff' out. After we snaked through a line, we were directed to one of six small tables where I was given tickets for Jewelry and Textiles.

The actual filming crew of Antiques Roadshow, wearing black t-shirts, was set up in the very middle of the hall, with four stations, marked with blue carpet. Around this were the various areas and the antique experts behind each table. Some popular areas had several experts.

Examples of WRC Badges in Gretchen's "crazy" quilt made by her grandmother with over 100 silk badges received by Gretchen's great great grandmother.

At Textiles, I was directed to Beth, from Houston. [I will share with you that she told me the experts fly themselves to the destination; it is prestigious for them to be asked. So, Antiques Roadshow does not pay their transport.]

Beth wanted to know where I got the quilt and what I knew about it. As my grandmother had given me this quilt so casually about 1962, in a box, and told me to just store it on a closet shelf and look at it in about 40 years. I explained to Beth that the badges had come from my great-great-grandmother as a delegate to the Women's Relief Corps conventions in Iowa and the Union states and after its formation in 1883. I knew the WRC was an auxiliary to the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) and its mission was to assist the Civil War veterans, their widows and children, and many orphans.

Beth picked up the quilt and told me to wait where I was a few minutes, and left. She returned with Marcia from IPTV whom you've seen on IPTV, who told me they were going to film me. Volunteer Geri sped me off to the Green Room where I signed a release form forever, was served refreshments if you wanted, and turned over to a make-up lady.

Geri then took me to the blue-carpeted area in the center of the room. My quilt was already hung. I was so taken aback seeing it in such bright lights on public display, it was so personal, I was nearly overcome -- what it would have meant to my gramma! They told me where to stand exactly. The PBS Roadshow crew was filming on my right. There were big TV cameras with very long booms, and smaller cameras. The big ones would swing around to the four filming stations. One guy told me to look into a camera and say 'hi' to everyone and welcome them to the Roadshow, so I did. Pretty soon Beth appeared on the other side of the quilt. They put a microphone on me, and suddenly the lights were on us and it was GO!

Beth asked how I got this quilt and who made it. I told her my grandmother had given it to me about 1962, didn't tell me much about it, I explained the silk delegate badges were from her grandmother who was very active locally and nationally in the Women's Relief Corps, that my grandma lived with her grandmother, and she had collected all these badges and eventually made them into a quilt.

The expert told me that the quilt design is basically a crazy quilt pattern of over 100 silk badges from Iowa and many Union states. It is sewn onto black silk faille, with the badges embellished with fancy embroidery stitches and some hand-painted. I explained that my great-great grandmother had served the Iowa Department as president 1898-1899, and national secretary in 1909.

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7 PM OCTOBER 11 MEETING - AT AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135, 515 CLARK AVE., AMES

Dr. Wendy Harrod will speak on "Researching at the National Archives"

Dr. Wendy Harrod has spent several months in the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, MD and will share her experiences. Also held at Ames City Hall, 515 Clark, Ames, IA. Dr. Harrod is Associate Professor of Sociology at Iowa State University. Her major research interests include group dynamics, social psychology and social prolems.

Bring your questions about using the National Archives for your family history research.

Blogging ... For All the World To See (Or Not)

by Mary Lohr

When Lynn Avant spoke to SCGS about writing our family history, she encouraged us just to start writing and not worry until the timing to do so was "perfect." After pondering her advice for awhile, I thought it was probably time to act on it. However, I have placed a copy of my genealogy research on Rootsweb and already supplied printed and bound pedigree charts to all my siblings (and almost any relative who expressed an interest!) With my ancestors widely distributed, so to speak, it was time to start recording "something" ... and have some fun doing it.

Various genealogy magazine articles have extolled the benefits of having a "blog" on the web.

So I finally took the leap and decided to record some of my research adventures, thoughts and experiences. A blog is really an online journal and has the option of being private, shared with only invited friends, or open to anyone. The two major sites for hosting a blog are Blogger (offered by Google) and Wordpress. Each site is free and no web design experience is required. The included editor functions like a basic word processing program. There are many options for what to include, templates, design, a choice of allowing posted comments or not. In short, a blog can be about anything you want it to be.

The following books, available at the Ames Public Library, are a good resource:

Blogging For Dummies by Susannah Gardner; *Create Your Own Photo Blog* by Catherine Jamieson; *The IT Girl's Guide to Blogging with Moxie*, by Joelle Reeder and Katherine Scoleri; *Wordpress for Dummies* by Lisa Sabin-Wilson.

You (and all the world) can read my blog at **<maryjlohr.wordpress.com>** Great literary writing? Absolutely not! Great fun to write? Absolutely yes!

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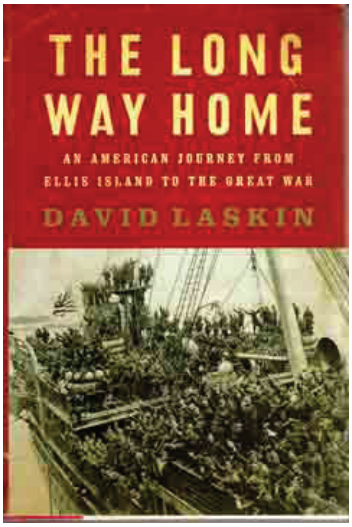

***The Long Way Home: An American Journey From Ellis Island to the Great War.* By David Laskin. HarperCollins: New York, 2010. 386 pages include Chaper Notes and Index. $26.99.**

World War I was to be "the war to end all wars". In 1917, 1/3 of U.S. population was born in other nations. Some immigrants from 1890s- early 20th century who came to escape conscription in their home countries, were drafted or enlisted in the U.S. military and some even fought in their homeland for America. David Laskin has told the stories of 12 such immigrants in this fascinating exploration of the journey these men made from Ellis Island to the Great War.

The author says that his sources whenever possible were based upon interviews, letters, scrapbooks and military records of these soldiers. In describing their experiences the author used "personal accounts, family stories and memories, letters and diaries." He also used National Archives Records to learn more about battles, and specific incidents in these battles as recorded by officers and others.

An amendment to the naturalization act May 19, 1918 expedited the citizenship process for aliens serving in U.S. military by removing the residency requirement and required registration of first papers. After General Order 151 was issued, U.S. immigrant soldiers only had to file a form ("the Petition for Naturalization, the Affidavit of Witnesses and the Oath of Allegiance ") before a proper army officer to obtain citizenship.

The immigrant men whose stories appear in this book were soldiers with the American Army and made a mark in history for our nation and their descendents. This is an important story for all Americans to study and understand. Laskin has made it an easy and interesting excursion into America's past.

September SCGS Meeting Minutes

The September 2010 Meeting, held September 13, was called to order by President Mary Lohr at the Ames City Hall in room 135. There were 21 members present and 8 guests. The minutes of the May meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was read by Kathi Strobl and approved. There was no Library Book Report but Lucille Wahrenbrock requested that people give her input on the books they would like to purchase for the Library.

Correspondence: The IGS Fall Conference is on October 8-9 and the cost is $55, brochures were available. The 2nd Annual IGS Quilt Show, "Tales These Quilts Can Tell", is at IGS on September 30 -October 1&2 the admission is $5. Cedar Rapids has a "Family History Symposium" on October 23. Story City is having a Storytelling Festival Sept 24-26.Weekend.

Old Business:

On September 14th at 10:00, Ross Petra will give a talk on "Google Basics for Genealogists".

New Business:

Elizabeth Wilt Cable asked for volunteers to help Boy Scouts earn a merit badge doing genealogy. Marti Rasmussen said that any information for the Monthly Newsletter be e-mailed to her by the 3rd Thursday of the Month. This will be the deadline from now on.

Marti Rasmussen suggested that the November Meeting should be an invite a guest meeting where there was a program for the guests. She asked Alan Spahnheimer to present the program by members of.Musica Antiqua.

A nominating committee was put together of Lu-Ann Endreland and Gretchen Triplett. The treasurer's office is open. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Elaine Larson won the drawing for the *Family Tree Magazine*. Merlene Whisenand talked about a Genealogist's Nightmare. She had her genealogy records destroyed by a flood of 4 ½ feet of water in her basement this summer.

John Groh gave the presentation "Lost in Siberia … The Rest of the Story." This is the story of his Groh family who were Germans from Russia and how they were reunited with descendants of his relatives who remained in Russia when his family immigrated to the United States.

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Grace Amemya Will Speak At IGS on Oct. 14 in Des Moines

IGS Life & Times Lecture Series Features Grace Aiko Obata Amemya who shares a compelling story of life at a Japanese internment camp California during World War II. The program is a 7 pm Thursday, October 14 at the Iowa Genealogical Society Library, 618 E. Grand Ave. in Des Moines.

Grace Amemya, of Ames, has spoken of life in the Gila Bend Camp in schools and other places in Ames. She has an interesting and fascinating account of this stressful time to tell and would probably appreciate some friends from Ames in the audience. No reservations are required and the program is free.

IGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCT. 8-9 IN DES MOINES

Gail Blankenau, photo historian and genealogist, will be the keynote speaker at the IGS Annual Conference Oct. 8- 9 at the State Historical Building in Des Moines across from IGS Library. She will make five lectures during the two-day meeting covering Dating/Identitying 19th Century Photos,; and "Rich Resources for Poor Ancestors" on Friday. On Saturday her topics will be Land Records and "Keeping Up with the Jones ....and Smiths" The theme of the Annual Meeting is Resources Close to Home.

Other speakers from the staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa are: Sharon Avery, Archivist;; Jeffrey Dawson, Interim State Archivist; Susan Jellinger, Librarian; Delpha Musgrave, Local Records & Newspaper Preservation; and Becki Plunkett, Special Collections Archivist.

For more information contact: 515-276-0287 or on the web: http://www.iowagenealogy.org

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Second Annual IGS Heritage Quilt Show in Des Moines Sept 30- Oct 2

"Crazy Quilt" filmed at Antiques Roadshow Aug. 7. It is owned by Gretchen Triplett, a member of SCGS.

This quilt pictured above and below is owned by Gretchen Triplett, a SCGS member, and is the one made of WRC badges received by her great[-grandmother. This "crazy quilt" was made by her grandmother. Gretchen took it to Antiques Roadshow August 7 and it was chosen for filming.

Below is a closeup of the quilt to show what the badges looked like in more detail. Siting on the table with the quilt are photographs of Gretchen Triplett's grandmothers.

For more Quilt Show photos, see the SCGS web pages next week and enjoy a easy way to enjoy their beauty and heritage of IGS members

**********2010 SCGS MEETINGS:

- **NOVEMBER 8 At Ames Public Library as usaul in the Auditorium. Election of Officers followed by a short program by members of Musica Antiqua and sharing of information by members. Please bring yur pedicgree charts & an object relevant to your family history fo show & tell.**
- **Next meeting in JANUARY.**

All Meetings Are Scheduled for 7 pm at Ames Public Library unless listed for different time and/or place.

Merlene Whisenand stands in front of her large colorful quilt displayed at the IGS 2nd Annual Heritage Quilt show recently.

Two SCGS Members Exhibit at IGS Heritage Quilt Show Sept 30-Oct. 2. and their Quilts were among those of great interest. Gretchen Triplett brought the Quilt that she took to Antique Road Show in August and also included additional items from her grandmother and great grandmother.

Merlene Whisenand brought a large beautiful quilt was a heritage quilt from her family and is attractive in its own right. More photos of quilts will be shown from the show online on our web pages as we have more information and time to set up a page.

The Quilt show was organized by Shirley Muncier, Betty and Bob Arendt and Betty Phillips. Shirley Muncier has for an IGS fundraiser for sale the patteren for "Emme's Calico Cat Quilt" which is displayed in the photo below. The pattern is available for $5 each for a limited time. ***Contact Shirley Munier via email: <sd.munier@earthlink.net> or by phone: 515-277-2066 if you are interested in acquiring this pattern or wish more information about the quilts in the IGS Heritage Quilt Show.***

Quilt Pattern called "Emme's Calico Cat Quilt" is being sold as fundraiser for Iowa Genealogical Society. $5 per pattern.

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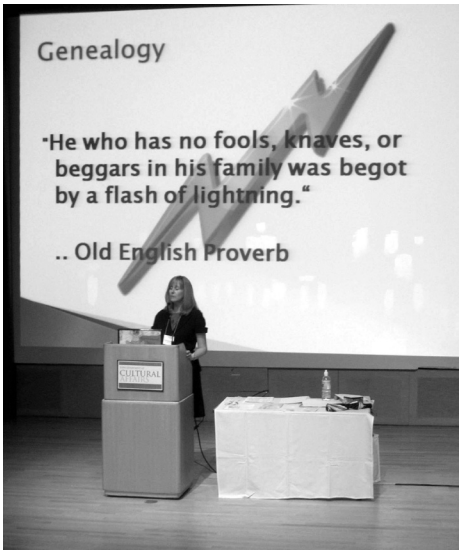
7 PM NOVEMBER 8 MEETING - AT AMES PUBLIC LBRARY
FARWELL BROWN AUDITORIUM AS USUAL

SCGS members are encouraged to bring a guest. Members of Musica Antiqua will demonstrate some early musical instruments. Treats will be served! Bring a family heirloom or treasure to share info for a short "show and tell" presentation. Also bring your pedigree charts for a chance meeting with a relative or friend of your family. The meeting is open to the public. For information call 232-8805.

Resources Close To Home IGS Annual Conference

By Buckley and Marilyn Peterson

Gail Blankeneau, genealogist from Lincoln, Nebraska, spearheaded the IGS 2010 fall conference, which was held at the State Historical Library in Des Moines, October 8 and 9.



For two days, Gail related her vast experience in photo identification, locating ancestors by economic factors, using land records, and dealing with common, sometimes confusing names—"John" was common, but when nearly all the relatives are named "John" you have a problem.

Never write on the back of a photograph. Always handle them with lint-free white gloves, and keep track of where the photo was found. Identifying photographs by decades helps—dress codes were important. For example, in the 1840s hair covered the ears, and women wore V-shaped bodices; girls parted their hair in the middle; boys parted their hair on the side. In the 60s the women wore wide dress hoops. By the 70s men had more facial hair and wore high collars. The women adopted huge bustles and wore bangs in the 80s, and by the 90s everyone wanted to be photographed beside a bicycle. It's all important in figuring out the time frame of the photograph. Gail said her favorite book on the subject is "*Dressed for the Photographer*" by Joan Severa, but she said you should never stop with just one book.

Land records can be a gate through a brick wall," she said. Land records should be a regular part of research. Boundaries changed; pay attention to county records. Warranty deeds, Quit claims, terminology like Et us (and spouse) and Et al (and others), and "heir at law" need critical attention. That session, Break Through Using Land Records, was Gail's second presentation.

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Correspondence: There were handouts for the IGS programs.

Announcements: The policy for cancellation of SCGS meeting due to weather is that if Ames Schools are cancelled then so is SCGS. The cancellation will also be posted on the web site. The IGS is having a paper drive. To donate people can bring paper towels, toilet paper or reams of paper to the next meeting.

The State Historical Society has found the missing book that contained the deaths from July 1919 to 1921. These have been missing for a long time and have not been microfilmed. They have put a list of these deaths on their website www.iowahistory.org. Most counties had gaps that were not microfilmed and the Society is working on all these gaps and posting them on their web site. The Ames Family History Center will be closed on October 12.

New Business: Luanne Endreland spoke about the officers nominating committee. She said that if anyone wanted to run let Mary Lohr know. The treasurer's office will need someone for sure and she has one interested person. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting.

November Meeting Program: Marti Rasmussen announced arrangements for a program at the November meeting by members of Musica Antiqua including a demonstration of antique musical instruments by this local musical organization from the ISU Music Department . The November meeting would be guest night so everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. There will be treats that night, so everyone is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share. We will conduct mini genealogical help sessions for those that are interested. The November meeting will be at the Ames Public Library.

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Lives & Times Series This Fall at IGS Library Ends with Oct.16 Program

Grace Amemiya, Ames resident, educated and informed 40 attendees at the final presentation for 2010 at IGS in Des Moines on Thursday, October 16.

Grace, an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, told her story of living for a year in an internment camp in California in 1942. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all people of Japanese ancestry on the West coast were required to give up their jobs and homes and reside in the camps. She was released to take nurses training at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, MN, with the final six months of training at the Army hospital in Clinton, Iowa. Grace delivered a fascinating speech. In addition, she set up a display of photos and a miniature internment camp, complete with guard towers, which, she said, were manned with machine guns. She has lived in Iowa since 1960, and she emphasized, "I'm proud to be an Iowan."

The 2010 Lives and Times series started with a presentation by Robert Owens and Bob and Joyce Ausberger from Jefferson, Iowa. They presented a program on the Lincoln Highway Association, which originated in Jefferson and became a nation-wide organization. The association continues to operate in the interest of maintaining the historical value of the Lincoln Highway (Highway 30). All four presentations in the Life & Times series were held at the Iowa Genealogical Society Library on Thursday nights.

John Groh, Johnston, Iowa, presented the second progam entitled "Lost in Siberia; the Rest of the Story." Half of his German ancestors immigrated to the United States, and the other half immigrated to Russia. After seventy years with no contact, John was able to establish communication with his relatives in Russia through the Internet. And, some of those relatives traveled to Iowa to spend three weeks with the Grohs.

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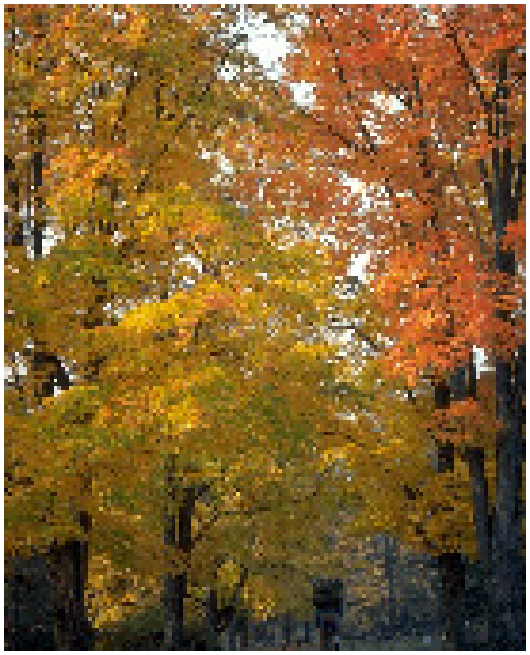
OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Marti Rasmussen spoke about SCGS providingGenealogy Class at the Memorial Union in the MU Workspace. She and Mary Lohr met with Latitia Kenemer, Coordinator of the MU Workspace. Four classes of 1 ½ to 2 hours long would meet once a week and the charge would be $30. The Workspace requires an artistic component that might be writing, scrapbooking, photographs or print of family tree. The MU will provide WiFi and materials. A proposal for SCGS to provide the class will be submitted by mid November or December. Suggestions for content and activities are invited. This class would likely be scheduled before ISU Spring Break in March. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Program: Wendy Harrod, Associate Professor of Sociology, gave a presentation "My Experiences Doing Archival Research on Muzafer Sherif. " It included her experiences at the National Archives and also obtaining information from the FBI using the Freedom of Information Act .



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Rich **Resources for Poor Ancestors—who was taking care of whom—means that an ancestor might have been residing in an alms house (poor farm), which might serve to identify the relative's location.** Formerly, the church took care of that, but when it became the obligation of the towns, the town's records (town council meeting) could be a source of information. And, Gail offered a totally unfamiliar term—"warning out," outsiders (non land owners) could be advised to leave the area.

Gail's final presentation was "Keeping up with the Jonses…and Smiths." In great detail she related the confusion that occurs when too many people have the same name. But, she said people of common interest tended to move together—Birds of a feather….

Steve Burton presented his session—"Why we do what we do and what that means to you." Steve represented Family Search International from Utah,

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Gail Blankenau, keynote speaker at 2010 IGS Conference

an organization founded in 1894. And he said it's purpose is to get more records to more people quicker. Steve presented a slide show of the Granite Mountain Records Vault.

Breakout groups included Becki Plunkett with "Surfing for Special Collections" and Susan Jellinger with "Pre-planning Your Historical Library Visit." Both Becki and Susan are employees of the State Historical Library.

Jeffrey Dawson, Deputy State Archivist, conducted tours of the State Archives at the library. He directed attention to government archives and other historical resources.

Sharon Avery, archivist and genealogist, conducted a presentation on military records, especially the Civil War, Spanish-American, World War I, and World War II.

The 2010 fall conference was a superb genealogical endeavor, and it was conducted cooperatively by Iowa Genealogical Society and the State Historical Society of Iowa.#

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Aiddy **Phomvisay, Assistant Principal at Valley High School in Des Moines, gave a tremendously inspiring presentation about his family's immigration to the United States from Laos during the Viet Nam conflict.** His program was entitled "Elijah's Story." Before Aiddy and Mindy's son, Elijah, was born, Aiddy wrote a children's book and developed an inspirational program that would reflect his admiration for the freedom they enjoy in the United States. Raising their son to appreciate freedom was their driving force.

David **Russell, Ames minister, presented a program, Swiss Family Adventure, about his family's trip to Switzerland, Germany, and France two years ago where he located a great, great, great grandfather's house that served as a hiding place for heavily persecuted Ana-Baptists—sort of an underground railroad**. David did indeed visit the house of his forebears, and he entertained the group with a very timely travelogue of the trip to Switzerland.

Grace brought to a close the 2010 Lives and Times series. A new slate of programs will start in June 2011. #

**********2010 SCGS MEETINGS:

- **NOVEMBER 8 in the Auditorium at Ames Public Library. Election of Officers followed by a short program by members of Musica Antiqua. Bring treats to share.**
- **JANUARY 10, 2011 "Sailing with Capt. John W. Strout, (1853-1884) "presented by Katie Pattee, SCGS member.**

All Meetings Are Scheduled for 7 pm at Ames Public Library unless listed for different time and/or place.

No December meeting.ß